

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Sullivan County Full Delegation
Date/Time: January 29, 2007 / 10:00 AM
Place: Unity County Complex – 5 Nursing Home Drive
Ahern Building

Participants:

Rep. Peter Franklin (chair), Rep Ray Gagnon (vice-chair), Rep. Tom Donovan (clerk). Representatives John Cloutier, Larry Converse, Brenda Ferland, Arthur Jillette, Sue Gottling, Matthew Houde, Ellen Nielsen, Jay Phinizy, Carla Skinder and Beverly Rodeschin. Commissioners Jeff Barrette, Ethel Jarvis and Ben Nelson. County Manager Ed Gil de Rubio.

The meeting was observed by county employees and members of the public.

Rep. Rodeschin moved that the Delegation should meet until 10:00 and then recess in order to start the scheduled Goal Setting seminar on time at 10:00. Rep. Skinder seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Rep. Franklin announced that there are no minutes for the last full delegation meeting (the organizational meeting held on December 13, 2006.)

Executive Finance Committee Report:

Rep. Ferland presented the EFC report. She reviewed County Revenue and Expense reports for December (which most delegation members received by email prior to the EFC meeting on January 6, 2007.) Rep. Ferland also explained a financial record provided to EFC members at the last EFC meeting, which tracks certain employee, benefits such as accrued sick leave.

Rep. Phinizy moved that the delegation accept the EFC report and the motion was seconded by Rep. Rodeschin. Discussion followed:

Rep. Rodeschin asked what percentage of total county employee compensation consisted of benefits. Mr. Gil de Rubio responded that the figure was about 40%.

Representative Franklin asked why the amount of expense charged to the delegation was so large. Rep Ferland responded that the cost of paying the auditors to attend the full delegation meeting in October 2006 in order to explain corrections of the MR 42 was charged to the delegation. Rep. Franklin expressed his objection to this charge and then requested that a copy of the auditors' contract be sent to the delegation members. Mr. Gil de Rubio observed that the accountant who works for the county is an independent service provider who charges by the hour and that he is not an auditor and does not audit the county's financial records.

Rep. Phinizy moved that discussion end and that the EFC report be accepted. Rep. Rodeschin seconded the motion. The delegation voted 12—2 to accept the EFC report.

Rep. Ferland left at this time.

Old Business:

Representatives were appointed to various county committees as follows:

Land Use Committee—Rep. Nielsen, Building Committee—Rep. Converse, NH Trust — Rep. Donovan, Extension Service—Rep Skinder, 6% Incentive Monies —Rep Franklin
Criminal Justice—Rep. Gagnon

The Solid Waste Project soon will cease to exist. Rep. Franklin has been serving on this committee and wishes to be relieved of this responsibility. Rep. Rodeschin, who represents the town of Newport on this committee, volunteered to report on its activities to the delegation.

New Business:

Rep. Skinder asked for information about a virus outbreak at the nursing home. Mr. Gil de Rubio reported that although many residents and staff were affected in early January, the outbreak appears to have subsided at this time.

Rep Phinizy reported a constituent complaint about lack of staff at the nursing home. Mr. Gil de Rubio promised to respond to the complaint at a later date.

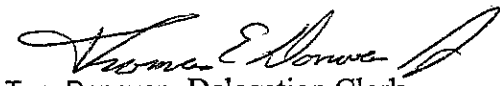
Rep. Franklin asked several questions about the end date and the cost of the Genesis contract. After a spirited discussion of this issue between Rep. Franklin, Mr. Gil de Rubio, and Commissioners Nelson and Jarvis it was noted that it was after 10:00 and it would be necessary to continue the discussion at another time and to begin the Goal Setting Seminar.

After a short discussion about the date, time and location of the continuation of the meeting, **Rep. Cloutier moved that the meeting be recessed. Rep. Gottling seconded the motion and the motion was passed and the meeting was recessed.**

Next Steps:

The recessed meeting will reconvene at 10:00 on February 19 at the Newport county complex. Since that day is a state holiday, Mr. Gil de Rubio will arrange for the front door to be open.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Donovan, Delegation Clerk

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